

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a system in which an interface of IEEE1394  
is provided for an IRD, connected equipment can be  
easily selected and the operability is improved. Data  
can be transmitted among the equipment by providing the  
interface of IEEE1394 for the IRD. For example, five  
equipment are selected from the equipment connected to  
the interface of IEEE1394 and node ID numbers are  
allocated to the five equipment and registered. Thus,  
even if the equipment is removed from the interface and  
connected again, the IRD can recognize the equipment.  
Further, a number of equipment are not arranged on the  
list display of the connected equipment and desired  
equipment can be easily selected. Among the equipment  
physically connected to the interface, the five  
equipment which were connected early are automatically  
registered. The registration can be easily changed by  
a user input. When the registration is changed, the  
change of the registration is inhibited among the  
equipment in which the program reservation has been set  
or the connected equipment. Thus, even if the  
registration is changed, an erroneous operation does  
not occur.